

AMENDMENT

1. (currently amended) A method of conducting a group participation wagering game in combination with an individual participation wagering game, said method comprising:

receiving a first entry from at least one entrant wherein said at least one entrant has made a first wager on the outcome of a sporting event;

receiving a second entry from the at least one entrant wherein said at least one entrant has made a second wager on a group game independent from the sporting event, wherein the odds of winning the group game are independent from the second wager dependent on a winning outcome of the first wager;

awaiting the outcome of the sporting event and determining if the at least one entrant has a winning first wager;

determining a multiplier value if the second wager is a winning wager in the group game;

determining a payout to the at least one entry by multiplying the winning first wager by [[a]] the multiplier value if the second wager is a winning wager; and

~~adding the amount of the winning first wager and the multiplied value of the first wager together and paying the combined amount~~ payout to the at least one entrant.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~the step of multiplying the winning first wager by a multiplier value further comprising~~ wherein the step of determining the multiplier value is before the outcome of the sporting event.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~the step of multiplying the winning first wager by a multiplier value further comprising~~ wherein the step of determining the multiplier value is after the outcome of the sporting event.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said sporting event is selected from one of the sporting events in the group of sporting events comprising horse racing, dog racing, and jai alai.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said multiplier value comprises a common multiplier value among all winning first wagers in the group event.

6. (currently amended) A method of conducting a group participation wagering game in combination with an individual participation wagering game, said method comprising:

receiving a first entry from a plurality of entrants wherein each entrant has made a first wager on the outcome of a sporting event;

receiving a second entry from the plurality of entrants wherein each entrant has made a second wager on a group game independent from the sporting event, wherein the odds of winning the group event are independent from the second wager ~~dependent on a winning outcome of the first wager;~~

awaiting the outcome of the sporting event and then determining which of the entrants has a winning first wager;

selecting a multiplier value if the group event is a winner;

determining a payout to the at least one entry by multiplying each winning first wager by [[a]] the multiplier value if the second wager is a winning wager; and

~~adding the amount of the winning first wager and the multiplied value of the winning first wager together and paying the combined amount~~ payout to each entrant that made the winning first wager.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the step of selecting ~~the value of~~ the multiplier is after the first wager has been made.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the step of selecting ~~the value of~~ the multiplier is before the first wager has been made.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the step of selecting ~~the value of~~ the multiplier is before the sporting event on which the wager was made has been concluded.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the step of selecting ~~the value of the multiplier is~~ after the sporting event on which the wager was made has been concluded.

11. (currently amended) A system for a group participation wagering game held in combination with an individual participation wagering game, the system comprising:

means for receiving a first entry from a plurality of entrants wherein each entrant has made a first wager on the outcome of a sporting event;

means for receiving a second entry from the entrants wherein each entrant has made a second wager on a group game independent from the sporting event, wherein the odds of winning the group game are independent from the second wager ~~dependent on a winning outcome of the first wager;~~

means for comparing the first wagers of the entrants to the outcome of the sporting event and then determining which of the entrants has made a winning first wager;

means for selecting a multiplier value if the group game is a winner;

means determining a payout to each entrant by for multiplying each winning first wager by ~~[[a]]~~ the multiplier value if the second wager is a winning wager;

~~means for adding the amount of the winning first wager and the multiplied value of the winning first wager together; and~~

means for paying the ~~combined wagers~~ payout to each entrant that made the winning first wager.